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Mr. Mike Fleagle, Chairman
Federal Subsistence Board
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Dear Mr. Fleagle:

As provided for in Subpart B, 36 CFR §242.20 and 50 CFR §100.20, of the Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) hereby requests that the Federal Subsistence Board reconsider and rescind its special action determination (FSA06-01b) published in the Federal Register as being effective November 17, 2006, through March 31, 2007. *See Federal Register*, Vol. 71, No. 243, dated Dec. 19, 2006, at pp. 75883-885. That Board action currently provides for a preferential winter harvest by Ninilchik residents of 200 lake trout, 200 rainbow trout, 500 Dolly Varden, and all other types of fish, including steelhead, salmon and whitefish, caught "incidentally" through the ice of Tustumena Lake, by gillnet or jigging gear.

The enclosed Request for Reconsideration of FSA06-01b details the reasons for our opposition to the Federal Board action to establish this winter fishery.

I urge the Federal Subsistence Board to carefully consider this request and to act expeditiously.

Sincerely,



Denby S. Lloyd
Acting Commissioner

Enclosure

cc: David Bedford, Deputy Commissioner, ADF&G
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